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TOPIC Military Information from Weissenfels

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1.

Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), was occupied to capacity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 10 p.m. on 31 October, 45 tanks with five bogie wheels per side were observed entering the installation.

about 70 oil drums were seen at the fuel dump south of the installation on 9 November.

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2. On 9 November, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauer Strasse was occupied to capacity. Source observed about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with rifles and submachine guns entering the installation on 6 November. An estimated 30 tanks and some trucks were seen in two wooden garages on the same day. Local residents said that a total of 50 to

and that other who [redacted] to arrive. coal, was observed entering the installation.

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3. On 30 October, [redacted] a column of 1 jeep, 1 sedan, 5 armored reconnaissance cars, 12 sidecar motorcycles and 7 trucks towing guns passing through Weissenfels, coming from the direction of Leipzig and heading toward Merseburg.

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* Comment. The report confirms the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauer Strasse. The 33 tanks seen entering the installation on 22 October as reported in the 45 tanks which, according to the present report, entered the installation on 31 October add up to a total of 78 tanks which

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